

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert before the paragraph at page 1, line 3, the following:

-- Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention --

Please insert before the paragraph at page 1, line 21, the following:

-- Description of Related Art --

Please insert before the paragraph at page 1, line 32, the following:

-- Summary of the Invention --

Please insert before the paragraph at page 7, line 10, the following:

-- Brief Description of the Drawings --

Please insert before the paragraph at page 7, line 20, the following:

-- Detailed Description of the Invention --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 8, as follows:

To this can be added the mentioned possibility of replacing or supplementing the fixed weighing device with a weighing arrangement 25 integrated with the robot's gripping system as shown in Fig. 1, or by a weight-determination carried out on the basis of visual registration of the items, or by any other method for determining the weight of the items.

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